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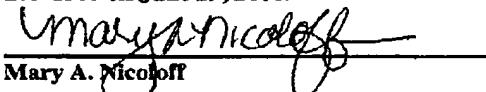
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Daniel Edward Bowen III, et al)
For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING A)
SILICA/RUBBER BLEND WHICH INCLUDES)
DISPERSING SILICA, A SILICA COUPLING)
AGENT, AND A LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT)
END-GROUP FUNCTIONALIZED DIENE)
RUBBER THROUGHOUT A CEMENT OF A)
CONVENTIONAL RUBBERY POLYMER, AND)
SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERING THE)
SILICA/RUBBER BLEND FROM AN ORGANIC)
SOLVENT)
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Amendment is being filed in response to the office action mailed on April 3, 2006,
and the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified patent application
without prejudice as follows: